

## WINROCK INTERNATIONAL: SUPPORTING WIND ENERGY DEVELOPMENT AROUND THE WORLD

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**ABSTRACT:** Winrock International is an independent, nonprofit organization that works with people around the world to increase economic opportunity, sustain natural resources, and protect the environment. In keeping with its mission of alleviating poverty around the world, Winrock established its Clean Energy Group (CEG) in 1989. CEG global activities aim to increase the use of renewable energy by providing technical, political, and market-oriented assistance to public and private sector organizations to deploy commercially viable technologies and build long-term local capacity. A focal point for Winrock's efforts to expand the awareness and use of energy technologies has been the establishment of an international network of in-country project offices. Each locally managed office is known as a REPSO: Renewable Energy Project Support Office. Winrock has REPSOs in Brazil, Guatemala, Mexico, the Dominican Republic, India, Indonesia, Nepal, the Philippines, and South Africa.

The objective of the presentation is to expand the understanding of what Winrock is doing to promote wind energy in key developing countries, and to therefore increase the network of international public and private-sector partners for wind energy activities and assistance.

The author presents specific activities being undertaken by Winrock in Mexico, Nepal, India, Brazil, Guatemala, the Philippines and the Dominican Republic to accelerate wind energy development. Activities include market development, sector reform and policy assistance, financial assistance services, institutional strengthening, industry coordination and business promotion.